

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on March 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 55, 3/7/2017  
Executive Action: HB 410

**HEARING ON SB 55****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:24 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 55, Revise nursery licensing, fees, inspections, and penalties.

00:03:25 Rep. Ricci Joins the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:21 Jyl Story, Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)

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00:07:53 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (AG)

00:10:43 Shane Clouse, Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)

00:12:03 Nathan Heinitz, Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)

00:14:42 Levi Ostberg Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:16:50 Libbi Lovshin, Department of Agriculture (AG)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:20:52 Ben Wagner, Summit Valley Farms

00:26:43 Dusty Wagner, Wagner & CO.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:30:45 Donna Rise, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:08 Rep. Olsen

00:32:12 Donna Rise, AG

00:33:24 Rep. Olsen

00:34:25 Donna Rise, AG

00:36:25 Rep. Olsen

00:36:43 Donna Rise, MDA

00:37:59 Vice Chair Staffanson

00:38:22 Cort Jensen

00:40:40 Rep. McKamey

00:41:38 Libbi Lovshin, AG

00:43:58 Rep. McKamey

00:44:28 Libbi Lovshin, AG

00:44:39 Donna Rise, MDA

00:47:49 Rep. Beard

00:51:35 Rep. Beard

00:51:55 Donna Rise, MDA

00:52:27 Cort Jensen, AG

00:53:46 Rep. Bennett

00:54:26 Cort Jensen, AG

00:56:47 Rep. Bennett

00:57:38 Cort Jensen, AG

00:59:46 Rep. Ricci

01:00:09 Sen. Salomon

01:01:37 Rep. Olsen

01:02:34 Libbi Lovshin, AG  
01:03:20 Rep. Olsen  
01:03:47 Cort Jensen, AG  
01:04:35 Vice Chair Staffanson  
01:05:07 Sen. Salomon  
01:05:48 Vice Chair Staffanson  
01:06:18 Sen. Salomon  
01:07:32 Vice Chair Staffanson  
01:07:47 Sen. Salomon  
01:07:57 Cort Jensen, AG  
01:12:09 Rep. Olsen  
01:13:30 Cort Jensen  
01:14:01 Rep. Olsen  
01:14:37 Donna Rise, MDA  
01:16:09 Chair Redfield  
01:16:32 Cort Jensen, AG  
01:19:31 Chair Redfield  
01:19:39 Cort Jensen, AG

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:20:24 Sen. Salomon  
  
01:23:53 Chair Redfield

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 410**

01:24:10 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION ON HB 410.**

**Discussion:**

01:24:39 Rep. Bachmeier  
01:25:06 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:25:30 Rep. Curdy  
01:25:36 Chair Redfield  
01:25:43 Rep. Mortensen  
01:26:08 Rep. Funk  
01:26:22 Chair Redfield  
01:27:21 Rep. Beard  
01:28:03 Chair Redfield  
01:28:30 Vice Chair Staffanson  
01:29:07 Chair Redfield  
01:29:27 Rep. Curdy  
01:30:04 Rep. Webb  
01:31:07 Libbi Lovshin, AG  
01:32:21 Rep. Curdy  
01:32:44 Libbi Loveshin, AG  
01:33:00 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:33:39 Libbi Lovshin, AG  
01:34:44 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:35:05 Libbi Lovshin, AG  
01:35:46 Rep. Windy Boy

01:36:20 Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division, LSD

01:37:37 Chair Redfield

01:37:47 Rep. Bennett

01:38:18 Chair Redfield

01:38:31 Rep. Lenz

01:38:41 Without objection, Rep. Bachmeier withdrew the **RECONSIDER ACTION MOTION.**

01:38:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HB 410 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 15-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Harris was excused.

01:40:14 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:40:55

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([agh58aad.pdf](#))